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(C) 75 STATE 248365 (DTG 180120Z OCT 75)

1. ON FEBRUARY 17, FRG, UK, DUTCH, BELGIAN ANDUS
DELEGATION OFFICERS COMPARED VIEWS REGARDING FOOTNOTE
PROPOSED BY FRANCE (REF A) TO APPEAR IN MBFR WORKING
GROUP DOCUMENTS CONTAINING DATA ON FRENCH FORCES IN
THE FRG, AND REGARDING THE FRG IDEA OF A DECLARATION
OF THE DIRECT PARTICIPANTS TO APPEAR IN AN SPC ACTION
SHEET TO COUNTER-BALANCE THE FRENCH STATEMENT (REF B).

2. FRG DELEGATION OFFICER (SCHNELLER) AGREED TO
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RECOMMEND THAT THE FRG DROP THE IDEA OF A DECLARATION
OF DIRECT PARTICIPANTS, SINCE US, UK, BELGIAN AND
DUTCH DELEGATION OFFICERS WERE NEGATIVE TOWARD THIS
IDEA.

3. NONE OF THE FIVE DELEGATIONS HAD FIRM INSTRUCTIONS
YET ON THE FRENCH FOOTNOTE. HOWEVER, DUTCH
DELEGATION OFFICER (MEESMAN) HAD A STRONG INDICATION THAT THE DUTCH
CAN ACCEPT THE FOOTNOTE WITHOUT CHANGE. (COMMENT: IT WAS
THE DUTCH DELEGATION WHICH OPPOSED THE PREVIOUS

VERSION OF THE FRENCH FOOTNOTE IN 1975. END COMMENT)
FRG DELEGATION'S TENTATIVE REACTION FROM BONN WAS THAT
FRG CAN ALSO SUPPOR THE FOOTNOTE.

4. UK DELEGATION OFFICER (NAVRIN) SAID THAT INITIAL
THINKING OF HIS AUTHORITIES IS THAT IT WOULD BE
BETTER IF THE FRENCH FOOTNOTE WERE CLEARLY LABELED IN
WORKING GROUP DOCUMENTS AS A NATIONAL FOOTNOTE. HOWEVER,
HE THOUGHT UK COULD PROBABLY ACCEPT THE FOOTNOTE AS IT
IS. BELGIAN DELEGATION OFFICER (CROLLEN) SAW NO PROBLEM
WITH THE UK PROPOSING THAT IT BE LABELED AS A NATIONAL
FOOTNOTE,AS LONG AS THE MBFR PARTICIPANTS WERE READY TO
DROP THE IDEA IF THE FRENCH RAISED THE LEAST RESISTANCE.
(COMMENT: HE US PREFERENCE IN PARA 1, REF C, WAS TO LABEL THE 1975
VERSIONOF THE FRENCH FOOTNOTE AS A NATIONAL FOOTNOTE.
END COMMENT) ALL AGREED THAT THE
OBJECTIVE SHOULD BE TO DETER DISUCSSION AT THE FEBRUARY 21 SPC
MEETING.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: IN TIME FOR SPC MEETING MONDAY, FEBRUARY
21, GUIDANCE ON: (A) ACCEPTABILITY OF THE FRENCH FOOTNOTE,
AS REQUESTED IN PARA 9, REF A; AND (B) THE UK IDEAOF PROPOSING
THAT THE FOOTNOTE BE LABELED AS A NATIONAL FOOTNOTE, WITH THE
UNDERSTANDING THAT THE IDEA WOULD BE DROPPED IF THE FRENCH
RAISED ANY RESISTANCE.STRAUSZ-HUPE

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